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County to provide emergency information online

Road closures and other emergency updates to be provided when EOC activates

LĪHU'E – Emergency information will be available at the public's fingertips the next time the Emergency Operations Center is activated, following the creation of an emergency module on the County's Web site.

The module is staged and ready to be deployed, said Cyndi Mei Ozaki, public information officer, meaning the information is currently hidden on the County's Web site and will be made visible upon activation of the EOC.

Updates on road closures and shelter openings are examples of information that may be posted to the site. Situations that may drive the deployment of the emergency module may include extreme flooding, hazardous fires, hurricanes, tsunamis and other major disasters. The community should make note that this Web site feature will only be used when the EOC is activated, Ozaki said.

"Previously, during emergencies, information was disseminated by calling the official Civil Defense radio station, KONG Radio, and then responding to other media inquiries," Ozaki stated. "Using the technology available to us, we'll be able to reach anyone with an Internet connection and deliver pertinent emergency information to the public in a timely manner."

The goal is to increase communication to the public, said Mayor Bryan Baptiste.

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“We will continue to feed information to radio and media outlets,” remarked the Mayor. “Using the Web site, we are simply increasing the public’s ability to receive emergency updates.”

When it is visible, the emergency module will be on the County Web site’s home page, located in the right-side column.

The addition of the emergency module is possible because of the new Web site design recently launched by the County’s Information Technology Team, Mayor Baptiste said. The set up of the Web site allows for dynamic, easily changeable content.

The County’s Web site is located at <http://kauai.hawaii.gov>.

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